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MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS FOR METHAMPHETAMINE AND WEAPONS OFFENSES

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Juan Antonio Corona-Gonzalez, 26, Jalisco, Mexico, was sentenced to 25 years (300 months) imprisonment today by U.S. District Chief Judge David F. Hamilton following his conviction at trial for possession with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine, distribution of 500 grams or more of methamphetamine, and possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, announced Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. This case was the result of an investigation that was conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in both Indianapolis, Indiana, and Chicago, Illinois.

Corona-Gonzalez, a Mexican national living in Indianapolis, distributed large amounts of methamphetamine for a drug trafficking organization based out of Chicago. In order to apprehend Corona-Gonzalez, DEA undertook a covert operation that culminated in Corona-Gonzalez' arrest in a Wal-Mart parking lot on Lafayette Road and 46th Street in Indianapolis in February 2008. At the time of his arrest, Corona-Gonzalez was loading over one half kilogram of methamphetamine into a hidden compartment of a vehicle in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Law enforcement searched Corona-Gonzalez and found a loaded 9 mm semiautomatic handgun in his waistband, as well as numerous fictitious pieces of identification.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Chief Judge Hamilton also imposed five years supervised release following Corona-Gonzalez' release from imprisonment. Corona-Gonzalez is subject to deportation following completion of his sentence.

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